

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Monique Thual

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For:

METHOD FOR COLLECTIVE PRODUCTION OF MICROLENSES AT THE TIP OF

AN OPTICAL FIBRE ASSEMBLY SUCH AS A FIBRE TAPE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), an extension of time of one (1) months (from February 4, 2004, to March 4, 2004) within which to respond to the Office Action dated November 4, 2003, is requested. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 16-0631 any underpayments, overpayments or additionally required fees.

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